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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Reference **US 6,638,988 B2**, cited on the attached form PTO-1449, was cited in an U.S. Office Action in related case US 10/555,657.

Please note that the reference **US 5,948,464** was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 31, 2007.

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